GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS TO NIOH, KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has supported the plans of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped to hold outreach camps all over the country;

(b) if so, the financial assistance given to NIOH, Kolkata for this purpose;

(c) the extent to which this programme can be replicated in other similar institutes;

(d) whether other national institutes have also agreed to hold such camps; and

(e) if so, details of steps proposed in this regard to help the handicapped people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWEMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Under the `Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (AIDP) Scheme`, financial assistance is given to National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH), Kolkata to hold outreach camps. The amount released to NIOH, for this purpose, during the last three years is given below:

(Rs in crore)

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.65	3.00	1.88

(d) & (e) The National/Apex Institutes, District Rehabilitation Centres, Composite Regional Centres, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited (ALIMCO) and over 180 NGOs are being released grant in aid to provide aids and appliances to persons with disabilities through institutional facilities and composite camps organized in a planned manner all over the country.